



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

TESTIMONY PRESENTED BEFORE THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE

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House Bill 6055 - An Act Requiring The Regionalization Of Public Safety Answering Points

The Department of Public Health supports House Bill 6055.

This proposed bill will enhance our ability to answer and respond to emergency requests for assistance by leveraging technology to **achieve costs savings**.

- Relieves small jurisdictions from cost of running and staffing independent emergency communication centers
- Consolidations will equate to greater efficiency and improvements of the services delivered to our residents, and public safety personnel

Since September 11, 2001, Connecticut has worked at the local, regional and state level to create regional partnerships in Emergency Management, Public Safety, and Public Health. These partnerships have strengthened our joint response capacity and further regionalization will lower costs.

Thank you for your consideration of the Department's views on this bill.

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